

**EASTER HOLOCAUST:** The Formosan freighter Union Faith, listing in the water, burns brightly Easter Sunday night after it was in collision with an oil-loaded barge in the Mississippi

River at New Orleans. Twenty-five crewmen on the vessel remained unaccounted for early today. (AP Wirephoto)

## RIVER AFIRE AFTER SHIP HITS BARGES

### Up To 25 May Have Been Killed

#### New Orleans Bridge Bathed In Flames

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A head-on collision between a Formosan freighter and an oil barge set both ablaze, sent sheets of flame soaring into a heavily traveled bridge and covered a section of the Mississippi river with burning petroleum Sunday night.

The Coast Guard said 25 of the 51 members of crew of the freighter, the 7,301-ton Union Faith, were unaccounted for. Twenty-five were taken to hospitals.

#### SHIP SINKS

The fire-swept ship sank about six hours after the collision while being towed away for beaching.

The oil barge broke in two and the two fiercely burning sections floated downstream pursued by fire tugs. One section finally sank and the other ran aground. The barge carrying 9,000 barrels of crude oil, was being pushed by the tug Warren Doucet.

The Coast Guard said all members of the tug's crew were accounted for.

Firemen hosed down wharves and ships in the area to prevent the spread of the blaze.

"It looked like the river was on fire," said Elyse Landry, a crewman on a dredger working near the scene.

"Now I know what it would be like riding through hell," said Mrs. Arnold Regouffre, who was in a car with her husband when the flames swept up from the river 175 feet below.

The Union Faith, with an all-Oriental crew and carrying a cargo of salt, cotton cloth, toys, handbags, household goods and footwear, was headed upstream.

The oil barge was one of three being pushed downstream by the tug.

The collision occurred almost directly under the Greater New Orleans Mississippi river bridge.

"I happened to look," said Landry, "and I said 'Look, the ship is going to run into those barges. Then they collided, followed by an explosion."

"The whole front end of the ship blew up into fire and smoke and you could hardly see the

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**WARNED:** Police Chief William McClaran carries tape recorder as he instructs Maurice Bishop on the rules of picketing and on city ordinance that prohibits disruptions of school time. Bishop led group of pickets at Benton Harbor junior high this morning protesting alleged grievances. (Staff photo)

## Blacks Picket BH Junior High

### Want Suspended Student Back In Classroom

Attendance at Benton Harbor junior high school was slightly below normal this morning as some 25 Negroes picketed the building in protest of "unsolved problems."

Supt. Mark E. Lewis said 174 students were absent, about 50 more than usual for the student body of 850.

Picket leader Maurice Bishop said the line was in protest over

suspension of several students and other matters. Specifically cited was suspension of a girl several weeks ago for allegedly threatening two teachers.

#### VOWS TO CONTINUE

Bishop, head of a local unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said picketing will continue until school authorities start to negotiate the grievances.

Asked if he were trying to dissuade students from attending school, Bishop replied "That's up to them."

One woman picket was heard telling a group of students: "There's no school today." Some students apparently did not enter the building because of the pickets. It was the first day of school after spring vacation.

Pickets first appeared at the south entrance on Broadway. They then moved down the street after Police Chief William McClaran warned Bishop of a city ordinance prohibiting disturbances and disruptive noise at schools. Pickets stopped chanting and singing to avoid distracting students in the classroom.

Bishop also was instructed

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New Key Club, ICB Golden Key, 5 percent plus. Mem FDIC Adv.

April 1 is dollar transplant time ICB Golden Key. Mem FDIC Adv.

## BH And St. Joe Voting Today

Voters in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph went to the polls today for annual city elections with the first contested mayoralty race in 12 years in Benton Harbor expected to provide the biggest drawing card.

St. Joseph clerk Charles Rhodes predicted an overall "tight" turnout in his city where voters are settling one race for a commission seat.

Benton Harbor clerk Evelyn Grenawitzke forecast a "very good turnout" because of the mayor's race. Three commission seats are also involved in contests.

Mrs. Grenawitzke said that she expected an eventual 1,200 of the city's approximately 7,500 registered voters to make it to the polls.

In the race for mayor, incumbent Wilbert Smith is seeking his seventh consecutive term against challenger James

Toliver, associate manager of an insurance company. Toliver is making his first bid for public office.

Four candidates are on the ballot for the two commissioner-at-large seats, including incumbents Virgil May and Ralph Lhotka, and Miss Gwendolyn Baird and Lessie Lee Carter, Jr.

The other contest is in the First Ward where incumbent T. Gregory Longpre is opposed by Pete Jackson, Jr. Second Ward incumbent Commissioner John

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## Caro Farmer Organizes State Revolt Against Property Taxes

CARO (AP) — A Christmas tree farmer who wants property taxes abolished has become a sort of Pied Piper to Michigan property owners, leading them to the brink of civil disobedience.

Dr. John Karpovich, a former research physicist at Dow Chemical Co., first broadcast his message of tax revolt last February and now claims 30,000 supporters in 15 county organizations.

### Jaycees Accept \$3,600 Salary

JACKSON (AP) — Jackson Jaycees have approved the \$3,600 annual salary which Jackson County supervisors voted themselves. But a special Jaycee study committee recommended supervisors' per diem payments for meetings be set at \$20 for half-day sessions and \$40 for full-day sessions. The supervisors presently receive \$40 per meeting regardless of how long it lasts. The Jaycees also recommended supervisors be elected at large by all county residents rather than the present system of election by districts.

Property tax is "an inequitable method of extracting money" which is "very much destroying the farmer," Karpovich says, pointing out that it isn't based on ability to pay, since it remains in effect even though the farmer may have a bad crop year.

"There has to be another form of taxation," he says, and the ultimate weapon to force tax reform in the Legislature is refusal to pay property taxes.

Karpovich concedes wholesale withholding would create "utter chaos" but he defends this weapon if the issue cannot be resolved another way.

To protect the farmer's property, Karpovich suggests that after withholding all property taxes for three years, the back taxes for the first year of that period be paid, thereby avoiding a sheriff's tax sale. This would be repeated each successive year.

#### PLANTS 1,000 ACRES

Karpovich has 1,000 acres planted in Christmas trees and a laboratory in his backyard where he works on inventions. But he has been devoting much effort towards organizing an anti-property tax group in each of Michigan's 83 counties.

He wants to form a statewide congress of protesters with one delegated delegate from each county. So far he says he has support from 15 counties, many of them in the Thumb Area.

Listed as aims are these points:

1. Advise lawmakers that they are being watched by a big citizens group and that "if their performance does not agree with our cause, we will do everything in our power to see they are not reelected."
2. Fight a court case in which property tax is attacked as being illegal and unconstitutional. Owners who can't pay taxes and have to sell their property would be deprived of their right to own property, according to

the constitutional premise, Karpovich says.

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One of Karpovich's supporters is Mayor Adolph Presidio of Beaverton, a community of 1,200 in Gladwin County.

Although he "doesn't agree entirely," Presidio says Karpovich is "heading in the same general direction I would like to head."

On withholding taxes, Presidio says "I believe we need that weapon. If we couldn't get relief any other way, we would probably have to resort to that."

"Whatever we do has got to be done in a legal way and a peaceful way," says Bernard Curtis, a motel owner who lives outside of Flint. "We're not a bunch of radicals," he adds. "We are solid American citizens. These are the people who really finance the state. They are slow to inflame, but difficult to calm down when they are inflamed."

James Hardy of Dryden in Lapeer County is forming

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## Missing Man May Be Hurt

### Search Going On At South Haven

By JIM DONAHUE  
South Haven Bureau

SOUTH HAVEN — A search continued today for a 32-year-old man who disappeared under mysterious circumstances last week from an apartment building at which he lived in Casco township, just north of South Haven, state police said.

Missing was Cesar "Chester" Baczynski, a citizen of France living here on a passport at Jensen's apartments, on North Shore drive.

#### POSSIBLY INJURED

Police were notified Sunday evening by Diane Brinks, manager of the apartments, that Baczynski had been missing since Tuesday, April 1, and that he had been last seen by another tenant, Doyle Dixon, running between some of the buildings in the nude, and holding his abdomen as if he were in pain.

Baczynski had not been seen or heard from since, police said.

Dixon told troopers he saw Baczynski Tuesday sitting in front of the apartment building in the nude and he appeared to be doubled over in pain. He said he went up to Baczynski to offer assistance, and the man ran away from him, continuing to clutch his stomach, and disappeared between two buildings.

Dixon did not explain why he failed to notify police at that time.

Troopers said they searched Baczynski's room and found blood on the floor and bed. They said a broken whiskey bottle, a broken alarm clock and a bloody razor blade were found on the floor. There was no sign of a struggle.

#### LOST JOB

Police said Baczynski was fired about a month ago from a job he held with a local car dealer and that he had apparently been unable to find employment here since.

A state police dog was being brought in today in an attempt to track down the man in the immediate area.

Jensen's apartments was the scene of a murder on Jan. 12, 1968, when Lester Wallace, 78-year-old caretaker, was found strangled in his room. Charles Bain, a tenant at the apartments, was charged with the murder and convicted by a jury later in the year.

## Korean Border Scene Of Clash

SEOUL (AP) — South and North Korean troops fought a 40-minute gun battle today in the central sector of the demilitarized zone. No South Korean casualties were reported.

The U.N. Command said North Koreans fired on a guard post manned by South Korean troops. The South Koreans returned the fire, and several hundred rounds were exchanged. A small building near the guard post was damaged by North Korean fire, the command said.

## Three New Blossom Queens



**MISS EAU CLAIRE**  
Deborah Billings



**MISS SAWYER**  
Donna Brant



**MISS LAWTON**  
Brenda McChesney

Blossomtime preliminary pageants headed down the home stretch Saturday night with the selection of queens to represent Eau Claire, Sawyer and Lawton in the April 28 Miss Blossomtime finals.

Nineteen community queens have been chosen now and the remaining 13 will be crowned this week in contests Tuesday and Saturday nights. Details of the three Saturday night contests on page 22.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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## New Door Opens For Conscientious Objectors

The United States has employed conscription three times in its history.

Both sides in the Civil War resorted to a draft by the middle of the conflict to replace the manpower requirements which enlistments were failing to maintain.

The Confederate and Union versions were shot through with complicated exemptions and each side experienced some embarrassing results with enforcing the valid parts of their legislation. Army troops had to put down a bloody revolt in New York City, demonstrating against the draft. In Alabama several thousand draft dodgers banded together in a swamp and defeated the Confederate cavalry sent to round them up for military duty.

In 1917 the government decided early in the game not to repeat the Civil War experiment, and Congress adopted a draft immediately following its declaration of war against the Central Powers.

The World War I act lapsed shortly after the Armistice.

The nation returned to conscription in 1940 as a build-up to

the growing sense of inevitable collision with the Nazi machine.

This Selective Service and Training Act squeaked by in the House by one vote. The narrowness of the decision attests to the strong isolationist sentiment then prevailing and a mistrust of FDR's motives in foreign affairs.

The 1940 act has remained in effect, by several amendments ever since.

Unlike the Civil War draft laws, the 1917 and the 1940 conscription acts contain exemptions for those members of pacifist religious orders.

The 1967 amendment under which the country now relies for the bulk of its military personnel says a young man may be drafted unless "by reason of religious training and belief he is conscientiously opposed to war in any form."

This puts the emphasis on formalized religious training and church membership.

Until the other day the draft boards and everyone else assumed a person could not avail himself of this escape hatch unless he could prove membership in groups such as the Jehovah Witnesses, the Quakers, the Seventh-day Adventists and others whose creeds officially eschew warfare.

Cassius Clay or Muhammed Ali as he prefers to style himself lost a long bout in the courts for declining induction on the ground that his newly adopted Black Muslim faith put him under the exemption.

The Supreme Court overruled the lower federal tribunals a few weeks ago, not on the Black Muslim assertion but because the government had used wire tap evidence against Clay which the Court said violated the Constitutional guaranty on self incrimination.

Last week a federal district judge in one of the eastern circuits threw General Hershey and the entire Selective Service apparatus in a tizzy.

Judge Charles Wyzanski ruled the religious exemption to be an infringement on the First Amendment's religious freedom clause.

He reasons that to grant an exemption for religious purposes discriminates against the man claiming no religious leaning but who holds war to be a personal affront to his sense of ethical and moral values.

The government is appealing his ruling and the Vietnamese War might be terminated in some form or other before the Supreme Court decides whether the individual can be a one-man arbiter of his obligations to his country.

The decision does not set aside the present wording of the religious exemption, nor the draft act's authority to induct a particular church member into non-combat duty in the armed forces or civilian work crews created to perform services for the military.

It does, very apparently, open up a train of thought which could cause difficulty.

Judge Wyzanski feels some nervous afterthoughts on his ruling. He indicated in his opinion he would have ruled against the petitioner if he had been drafted in defense of the homeland.

This is a queasy admission to an historical concept of war. The judge leaves the impression that military service should be a matter of personal judgment until such time as an enemy lands on our shores.

Wyzanski's opinion is not binding on the other federal district judges and Congress can nullify it by dropping the exemption or re-drafting an exclusionary clause so tight that anyone claiming it would have to pass a lie detector test before his draft board.

Upsetting as the opinion is, it could serve a useful purpose.

The draft is a hodge podge of contradictory results slapped together to make it halfway politically palatable to the home front.

The home front already has made it clear it detests the inequities and lack of realism in the present law.

If nudged just one inch by the Administration, Congress would bring order out of the present chaos, and in process could close off judicial tinkering with the military effort.

## Little Fish



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### CLEAR WAY FOR APARTMENTS

—1 Year Ago—  
St. Joseph Planning commission gave the green light for a \$2 million apartment house complex on the southern edge of the city yesterday. Atty. Richard Insley who sold the 10-acre tract on which the project will be built, predicted construction would start within a couple of weeks.

There will be 11 buildings with 11 apartments in each of a total of 121 units, although there will be a few one-bedroom units. Insley said "The Bluffs," which will feature a view of Lake Michigan, will be classed as luxury type apartments.

### ST. JOE INCUMBENTS WIN RE-ELECTION

—10 Years Ago—  
In the one contest involving city hall in balloting Monday, Clifford R. Emlong, popular local nursery man, handily won his bid for a full term on the city commission. He carried all 10 St. Joseph precincts for a total of 1,681 votes as against 550 for Basil L. McNitt.

### WILLIAM RITT

## You're Telling Me!

California, always thinking up something different, now has a state insect — a butterfly. That ought to bug the other 49!

A famous Parisian style dictator has ruled that plain mink coats are now out of fashion. All our life we've heard of rags-to-riches but this is a real shocker — riches-to-rags!

A cigarette made largely of lettuce should appeal especially of young folk, suggests Althea Kay — because aren't they in their salad days?

### RUTH RAMSEY

## Today's Grab Bag

### THE ANSWER, QUICK!

1. Who painted "The Angelus"?
2. Who invented the Zeppelin?
3. What is the present day name of Liberia?
4. Is a water moccasin poisonous?
5. What is the Bengal light?

### YOUR FUTURE

There are clear indications pointing to a happy romance. Today's child will be exceptionally talented.

### DID YOU KNOW

The giraffe, tallest of mammals, is found only in Africa, south of the Sahara.

### BORN TODAY

Indian sitarist Ravi Shankar not only plays an instrument unfamiliar to most music lovers, but he enjoys the unusual distinction of being admired by both the lover of classical Eastern music and the folkrock fan alike.

This award winning film composer, former orchestra leader, teacher and instrumentalist is bringing his country's rich musical heritage to the attention of the West.

The sitar, upon which he performs his "ragas," has been a staple of constantly tuned even as it is slightly over four feet in length and consists of a teakwood neck

Raymond Laetz won his first full term on the county board. He was appointed to fill the vacancy created last November when Frank Small died of a heart attack.

### ARMY-NAVY 'E' GIVEN '1900' PLANT

—25 Years Ago—  
The Army and Navy "E" for outstanding efficiency in production of war materials was presented to the men and women of the Nineteen Hundred Corporation Thursday afternoon. Over 2,400 workers and spectators gathered in the parking lot west of the "1900" administration building for the presentation ceremony.

Management and workers of the big Edgewater industry were praised for the work they have accomplished in the war effort by converting the plant from one of the largest producers of electrical washing machines and ironers into an efficient war production machine in record time.

### SIGNS OF SPRING

—35 Years Ago—  
Crocuses are in full bloom in the garden of Mrs. Charles Auerbier at 815 Main street.

### FEARFUL ROAR

—45 Years Ago—

Fairplain folks were frightened when a queer looking auto shot over the road at 110 miles an hour with a fearful roar, shooting flames from the side of the motor. The sheriff was called and it was found to be a handmade racing car built by Chester Keister who was trying it out on the Napier road, between Colfax and Pipestone. Sheriff Bryant had the car towed to the county jail where it remained until today.

### FIREMEN ELECT

—55 Years Ago—

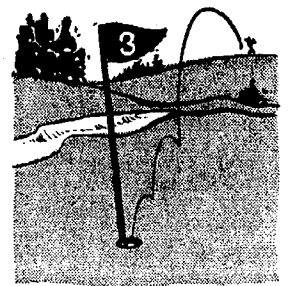
St. Joseph city firemen have re-elected all their officers: Chief, Harry G. Hughton; assistant chief, Andy Marshall; captain of the hook and ladder, Leopold Hassle; secretary, Cass Rutkoskie; and treasurer, Albert Ankl.

### GOLD MEDAL

—70 Years Ago—

Burkhard Brothers have presented the Audubon club with a very elegant gold medal, embellished with an appropriate design and engraved with the initials of the club. A shoot for the medal will take place soon.

## THE FAMILY LAWYER



### 'Game Of Chance'

"Fifty cents per shot," said the sign at a certain golf course. "If you score a hole-in-one, you win \$5,000."

Sure enough, a golfer eventually did come through with a hole-in-one. But the proprietor refused to pay the prize money. Haled into court, he argued that the contest was a "game of chance" — hence, not enforceable by law.

However, the judge disagreed. Ordering the money paid, the judge said there was simply too much skill involved in a golf shot to classify this as a game of chance.

In varying degree, gambling is regulated in every state. Often, under these regulations, it becomes necessary for a court to decide what is meant by the phrase "game of chance."

Sometimes the answer is relatively easy. Thus, the throwing of dice has consistently been held a game of chance. So has roulette. So has matching pennies.

On the other hand, chess and checkers and spelling bees have all been held not games of chance but games of skill.

What about bridge? Most courts have classified bridge, too, as a game of skill.

"Although there is of course an element of chance resulting from the deal of the cards," explained one judge, "there is a continually recurring necessity in the bidding and play to make decisions which will ordinarily be determinative of the outcome."

### ONLY FIVE CENTS

Does it "take the curse off" a forbidden game of chance if the stakes are very small? As a matter of principle, no. Consider this case:

A restaurant owner was arrested on a charge of operating an illegal gambling device on his premises. Although he protested that the prizes were worth only a nickel, the court found him guilty anyhow.

What the law is concerned about, said the court, is any device "designed to intrigue the unwary and arouse the latent cupidity of human nature into the notion that it could get something for nothing."

## DR. COLEMAN

## .. And Speaking Of Your Health

Fact or fiction in medicine is as intriguing to physicians as it is to the layman. Almost all of us have been brought up on catch phrases about health, many of which are astonishingly sound and have validity without complete medical explanation.

It has been said that an apple a day keeps the doctor away. It has also been said that this can only happen if the apple is good. Nevertheless, apples are healthy, nourishing fruit which in themselves have no special Dr. Coleman antidote against infectious and other diseases.

The significance of "feed a cold and starve a fever" depends on how avid a believer you are in myths. Actually, patients find their own comfortable level for food and liquid intake. Most people eat a light, nutritious diet, taking smaller quantities at more regular intervals.

The concept that "the lean horse wins a long race" has medical and scientific truth. There is undoubtedly a distinct relationship between overweight and decreased longevity. It is true, too, that heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure occur more frequently in those who are overweight and who through many years of their lives eat fattening, high cholesterol foods.

The fictional idea that stuttering can be cured by fright must be dispelled. On the contrary, stuttering may be caused by fright. Stutterers need psychological understanding rather than more terror.

A favorite one of those who cannot start a regime of dieting or those who cannot keep weight off is "Everything I eat turns to fat." This fictional

belief only serves to soothe the conscience of the obese. The fact is a simple one. When we consume more calories than our body uses as fuel, we must gain weight. Only rarely are there conditions such as hyperactive thyroid that keeps people slender even with a heavy caloric intake. Another related myth is that exercise really is the only way to reduce. There may be a temporary loss of fluid with exercise but almost always the fluid is returned more quickly than it was lost. Exercise in moderation is an excellent addition to diet but is no substitute for it.

Beefsteak for a black eye has medical value but it is far more expensive than a warm, wet towel which does the same thing. The beefsteak came into vogue because it can be warmed and can retain the heat and the moisture so good for the black eye by absorbing blood beneath the skin.

The belief that birthmarks on a newborn child are caused by a fright that happened to a mother during pregnancy has no basis in truth. Sometimes mothers even believe that there is a distinct shape to the birthmark which is related to the fright. This, of course, has no validity and should be eradicated from the mother's consciousness, along with any sense of guilt for the birthmarks. Myths can be charming if they are taken lightly. They never can be a substitute for the sound opinions of your doctor.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** Driving an automobile during periods of severe emotional tensions is as hazardous as driving while drunk.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

## JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ J5		♠ Q1093	
♥ KJ3		♥ AQ1083	
♦ A10963		♦ —	
♣ 1053		♣ 7964	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ K8643		♠ —	
♥ 974		♥ KQ87543	
♦ J		♦ —	
♣ A873		♣ KQ	

The bidding:  
South 1♣ Pass West 3♣ East 3NT Pass  
South 3NT Pass West 4NT Pass

Opening lead — four of spades. The Italians have won eleven world championships in their last twelve tries, but this does not mean they do not occasionally suffer a bad hand.

Here is one they had against the French in 1960. At the first table, with Belladonna-Avarelli North-South for Italy and Ghestem-Bacherich East-West for France, the bidding went as shown.

Ghestem made a light take-out double of Belladonna's semi-preemptive three diamond bid. This worked out very well for France when Avarelli later bid

six diamonds and went down 800.

The loss was not as great as it seems because Bacherich undoubtedly would have made five spades for a score of 850 points. The Roman pair thus lost only 150 points to par.

But when the hand was played at the second table, with Trezel-Jais North-South for France, the bidding went:

South 3NT Pass West 3NT Pass East 3NT Pass

The French pair were using a vulnerable three diamond bid to show a good hand with long diamonds. Trezel responded three notrump — not so much with the expectation of making it, but because he thought the opponents could make a game.

This strategy proved highly successful when it became rather difficult for East to enter the bidding. The Italian East had no way of knowing that Trezel was skating on thin ice. The consequence was that East passed and Italy lost the opportunity to make a game in either spades or hearts. Moreover, as if this were not already punishment enough, East led a low heart, which proved to be a further godsend to declarer. Trezel quickly grabbed the first nine tricks to score 600 points for France.

The net result was that the Italians lost 1,400 points on this one deal.

## BENNET CERF

## Try And Stop Me

Teen-ager complained to father that her birthday party had been a washout. "How do you figure that?" demanded father. "From the unholy racket I gathered the party was a riotous success." "No," sighed the teen-ager. "I invited 20 pals and only 44 showed up."

Ed Kosum tells a story about a choleric golfer named Harry who could be depended upon to fly into a rage every time he played, but finally hit upon the device of playing without a ball. This made him very happy.

A clubmate decided he'd play without a ball, too, and the two of them had a match every Saturday — complete with everything but balls — and around the eighteen holes.

One day they made a \$100 bet on a round, and the club members gathered to watch this most unusual match. The two players were all even as they hit off the 18th tee. Both had good drives, and they sauntered down the fairway to where a good drive would have landed.

The first player took a club and swung. Immediately, Harry started to yell at him and in a moment there was a big fight. Club members rushed down from the 18th green to see what was wrong.

"It's my match! It's my match!" cried Harry. "He hit



the wrong ball!"

Triumphant father to mother watching their teen-ager son lost the lawn: "I told him I lost the car keys in the tall grass."

### Factographs

Horatio, Alger, author of over 100 rags-to-riches type stories, graduated from Harvard and was a Unitarian minister.

Indigent basically means "lacking the necessities of life," therefore poor or needy.

The United States entered World War I on April 6, 1917. The war ended on Nov. 11, 1918.

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH., MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1969

Twin City  
News

## RECORD BUDGET FOR ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP

### He Soloes For License At Age 16

SJ Father, Son  
Are Close Knit  
Flying Team

By DICK DERRICK  
SJ City Editor

Tim Gaipa soloed in an auto before he soloed in a plane but the weather decided the sequence—not Tim.

When the Lakeshore sophomore turned 16 on March 24 he had his heart set on flying alone for the first time on his birthday. His appointment to get his driver's license came up the next day, however, and weather for flying didn't clear until March 27 when he made his first flight alone and received his private pilot's license.

Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Gaipa, Jr., 1443 Kingman drive, St. Joseph. He has 200 hours flying time which represents some five years although he has been flying with his dad since he was four years old.

The elder Gaipa joined the old Trojan Flying Club back in 1957 and a familiar sight at Ross field was father and son (the son propped up on pillows) flying together. When Tim was around 11 years old and his legs were long enough to reach the adder pedals he took over the controls. He was able to accumulate his 200 hours of flying under the watchful eye of his dad.

The elder Gaipa is a Federal Aviation agency licensed aircraft and instrument mechanic and inspector. He is also an instructor.

#### CLOSE-KNIT TEAM

The Gaipa family is a close-knit team in the home construction field, the father said. Mrs. Gaipa draws up the blue prints, Barbara and Gladys Gaipa, the 17 and 18-year-old sisters, help with the decorating and finishing and Tim and his mother do the heavy construction work. Gaipa said his son could build a house by himself without any difficulty.

Young Gaipa broke in on the old-type, tail-dragger plane, which preceded the present tri-cycle landing gear on most planes now. Landing a tail dragger is much more difficult because of the angle of the plane, Gaipa said.

#### MEMBERS OF CLUB

Tom Miller, president of the Fruit Belt Flyers, Inc., said the pilot who learns on a tail dragger can switch to a tri-cycle type landing gear without difficulty while a flyer who learned on the newer units faces a whole new course of instruction if reverting back to the tail-skid type.

The Fruit Belt Flyers are successors of the Trojan Flying Club. Ross field airmen refer to the club members as the "Fruit Flies." The club has a four-place Cessna Skyhawk and a two-place Cessna Commuter.

The Gaipa girls will have no part of their father and brother's flying hobby. They raise riding horses and that keeps them busy enough, the father said.

### Air Pollution Tour Scheduled

DETROIT (AP)—Air pollution control experts will converge in Detroit next week for a not-so-scenic cruise down the Detroit River.

They will survey the city's waterfront industrial complex, and the resulting air pollution problems for residents on either side of the river.

The group, named the National Air Conservation Commission, was established by the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association to stimulate action in controlling air pollution.



FLYER AT 16: Tim Gaipa, Lakeshore high school sophomore, soloed the first good flying day after he turned 16 years of age on March 24. He has flown 200 hours in the last five years—but always with his father, Joseph S. Gaipa, Jr., or other licensed pilots. (Staff photo)

## Salary Hikes Okayed For Lincoln Officials

Pay raises, led off by a \$2,250-a-year boost for supervisor, were approved without opposition Saturday by Lincoln township residents at the annual township meeting in Stevensville.

The raises, covering supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustees, were adopted in a voice vote by the 30 present as part of the 1969-70 general fund budget of \$121,922.07. The budget is \$14,340 over last year's figure.

Under the boosts, the supervisor will receive \$8,750 compared to the \$6,500 he received last year; the clerk goes to \$6,300 from \$4,750; the treasurer to \$4,550 from \$4,250 and trustees to \$20 per diem from \$15. A citizen's planning commission had recommended to the board that the salaries be \$8,814 for supervisor; \$6,345 for clerk; \$4,400 for treasurer and \$20 per diem for trustees. But the board made the changes in presenting the proposed budget.

**PAY FORMULA**  
Charles Kerlikowske, chairman of the salary committee for citizens group, said the amounts were based on a

formula which was recommended for yearly use in determining the pay.

The formula would give the supervisor, clerk and treasurer set percentages of a figure determined through another formula process. The percentages would be 25 for supervisor, 18 for clerk and 13 for treasurer. Amounts left in the remaining 45 per cent of the total would cover clerical help and other township officials.

To determine the base figure, the commission recommended an average between one-tenth of one per cent of the township's valuation and \$3 per person living in the township be used.

Kerlikowske said, if the first recommendation were rejected, the commission had recommended a proposal that the supervisor be raised to \$10,000, the clerk to \$7,000 and the treasurer to \$5,000.

The citizen's commission in

citizens approved plans for getting the township tax roll into the IBM computer program at a cost of \$3,000.

Also approved were plans for acquiring a new police cruiser, expanding the building inspection department and making an \$8,500 payment on the new township property along the lake.

### Poverty Units Will Study Roles

Representatives of governmental agencies with direct contact programs to low-income families are being called to an April 10 meeting to study ways of avoiding overlapping visits.

The meeting was scheduled by David Braman who has said mass confusion could result from the growing number of agency persons making direct contact.

Braman is assistant director of the Tri-County (Berrien, Cass and Van Buren) Community Action Program (Tri-CAP) commission which is one of at least six agencies with direct contact programs.

The other five are the agricultural department; the social services bureau; public health services; the schools' community education program; and the state employment service.

**SEES CONFUSION**  
According to Braman, the trend to outreach into the community is good. But he said in his invitation to the meeting the increasing number could result in confusion over service roles; repetitive demands for information from the same people; a general duplication of effort; and the possibility that several agency aides could be knocking on the same door the same day.

The letter was addressed to Benjamin Davis, administrator of the Model Cities program which also involves a direct contact program.

Copies were sent to representatives of the United Community Development Council.

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### Taxes Are Reduced One Mill

But Water Service  
Costs Will Send  
Levies Back Up

St. Joseph township residents Saturday unanimously voted a record-breaking \$346,000 budget for 1969-70 that still permits a one-mill tax reduction to ease the impact of an expected water service levy this fall.

The annual meeting drew nearly 60 persons to the township's Fairplain hall.

The budget last year was \$314,600 but actual expenditures were reported at \$190,383. Failure to approve a one-mill tax for parks accounted for much of the difference.

#### \$120,000 BALANCE

Supervisor Orval L. Benson said the township had a balance March 25 of \$120,000. Much of the surplus came from larger-than-expected sales tax and state income tax returns. By cutting one mill from the landfill and rubbish levy, originally set at 1.5 mills, the township tax will drop by that much. There will be no reduction in rubbish collection service, however.

Benson said however, the township will have to levy approximately three mills to pay off water service installation bonds for the proposed water lines and mains to be laid starting this summer.

Key items in the new budget accounting for the increase are higher clerical salaries, attorney fees, election supplies and voting machines, highway building and maintenance, zoning, and water, sewage and drainage. The township has budgeted \$52,250 in the water, sewage and drainage to pay for a share of the water line to Upton Junior High school before the bond issue is effective. Attorney fees jump from \$7,500 to \$12,000 and highway expenditures will go up from \$12,000 to \$18,000.

The township plans to purchase new voting machines so that item in the budget was increased from \$2,500 to \$9,000. Clerical salaries went up \$2,000. Building maintenance went from \$4,000 to \$13,000.

#### SALARIES INCREASED

A schedule increasing the salary of the clerk, expenses for the treasurer and the per-meeting rate for trustees and members of other boards was approved. Clerk Andrew Schmidtman, Jr. will receive \$5,000 up from \$2,500; Treasurer Elmer (Larry) Larson will receive \$1,000 for clerical help to process tax bills and the members of the board of trustees will receive \$75 per month instead of \$50. Members of the planning commission and fire board will receive \$15 per meeting instead of \$10.

The park board in submitting a request for \$21,000 noted \$5,765 is used for payment for Caronde park, and that \$4,000 is earmarked for a boat ramp in that park and another \$4,800 for improvements in other parks.

Among the last official acts of the meeting patrons voted to set regular meetings for the first and third Mondays of each month. If the regular meeting date falls on a holiday the board will meet on the next day.

### Small Business Administration Man Due Here

Frank Parykne, a loan examiner for the Small Business Administration office in Detroit, will be in the Twin Cities Tuesday to meet with persons needing SBA assistance.

Appointments will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and may be made by telephoning the Chamber of Commerce office.



THE FRAME: Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Schlutt have purchased the former Stueland Electric Co. building at 1614 Lakeview avenue, St. Joseph, and moved their business into it. They considerably expanded all phases of their framing and glass installation services.



FRAMED BY FRAMES: Mathew (Bud) and Theresa Schlutt display some of their stock of picture frames in new location at 1614 Lakeview avenue, St. Joseph. (Staff photos)

### SJ Shop Has New Location

'The Frame' Buys  
Building, Expands

A considerably wider variety of moldings for glass and pictures are available in the new quarters of The Frame, following its move from 1323 Niles avenue to 1614 Lakeview avenue, St. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathew (Bud) Schlutt of Stevensville have purchased the former F. N. Stueland electrical contracting building, redecorated it extensively and expanded their services in the larger quarters.

Schlutt said the number and variety of moldings have been increased. Originally the Schlutts specialized in custom picture framing and then expanded to include all kinds of glass work.

They cut mirrors, install and repair glass table tops, storm-door glass and screens and all kinds of auto and truck glass. They also install insulated glass.

Schlutt said at the new location parking is no longer a problem. The new quarters also permit more autos to be serviced at the same time.

The Frame maintains a strict calendar system in which a customer is assured his work will be done on a specific date. Schlutt said he will respond to emergency calls in case of a broken window.

#### DEADLINE JUNE 14

### Kennedy Park Fund Needs \$5,000 More

A cutoff date on the drive to raise \$12,000 for Kennedy Memorial Park has been set by the committee named to head the effort.

Chairman Edwin Prong, a history instructor at Lake Michigan college, said June 14 was designated to end the year-long effort.

So far, said Prong, about \$7,000 has been contributed.

The chairman said canisters were being prepared for locations in area stores and businesses to help the final fund effort. Three appeals by mail have already been made, he said.

"The hope is, and has been," Prong said, "that the people of the Twin Cities area will voluntarily give of their money—no matter how much or how little—in this effort to provide a memorial to the late Kennedy brothers, about whom so much grief and shock was expressed at the time of their terrible assassinations."

The park, located near the city hall, is also to memorialize Americans killed in the World

Wars, the Korean war and the Vietnam war.

Prong said contributions should be sent to the Kennedy Memorial Park Fund, in care of the postmaster in Benton Harbor. Checks should be made out to the "Kennedy Memorial Park Fund."

### Woman Shot; Police Hunt For Husband

Benton township police were looking for Lucian Allen, 33, of 1663 Blossom lane, Benton township, in connection with a gunshot wound received by his wife Louise, 36, early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Allen was admitted to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital with a wound in the upper right arm. Admitted to the intensive care unit, her condition this morning was reported as fair. Mrs. Allen said she was shot following an argument at home.

### Guns, Ammo Stolen In BH

Howard Lewis, 58, of Hammond, Ind., reported Saturday to Benton Harbor police that three rifles, a shotgun, binoculars and 200-300 rounds of ammunition had been stolen from a house he owns at 1026 Columbus avenue, Benton Harbor.

Lewis said the theft occurred sometime after March 26 when he last checked the building. According to Lewis, entry had been made through a rear door.

The weapons had been in a gun rack near the kitchen, he said. Lewis said, two .30.06 rifles, a .22 calibre rifle and a 12 gauge shotgun were missing as well as the .38 calibre ammunition. He valued the loss at about \$485.

#### NORTHERN TRIP

BUCHANAN —Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ailsworth and children have returned to Traverse City after spending the past week here as guests of the former's parents, Dr. and Mrs. C.E. Ailsworth, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Ailsworth.

## OPTIMISTIC BENTON SHOWS PROGRESS

Reports by Benton township officials at the annual meeting Saturday contained optimistic views for progress resulting from extension of water and sewer services.

Also noted was a decrease in criminal and fire complaints and the persistence of some chronic problems. A \$598,000 operating budget was approved.

George Welch, chairman of the planning commission, said

the new \$2 million water line was a positive development that should enhance Lake Michigan college, housing and industrial growth.

#### DRAINAGE PROBLEM

He also noted several negative developments that persist, such as the need for drainage, which continues to be a serious, expensive problem.

Others were junk automobiles, bedecking the township, and

housekeeping in general.

"Nothing is so messy, in my opinion, as cars sitting on blocks going nowhere," he said.

Henry Meyer, building inspector, who gave the report in the absence of Building Inspector Chester Shuck, said 660 permits were issued last year for

approximately \$2.8 million in construction in the township.

Of these, 42 were for new

homes, 17 for new commercial and industrial buildings, two for multiple family dwellings, four for swimming pools, four for agricultural buildings, 33 for private garages and 371 for additions and repairs to homes, he said. A total of 74 demolition permits were issued.

Supervisor Ray A. Wilder also reported he has received several inquiries about extending the water line into neighborhoods

adjacent to the line. He also noted new street lighting has been installed to illuminate main thoroughfares in the township.

Sammie Smith, assistant executive director for the Benton Harbor housing commission, reported that occupancy in the elderly housing project near Fairplain Plaza began in March, with 54

units being leased at present.

#### MORE ARRESTS

Police Chief Joseph Sieber said the police department answered fewer complaints last year and made more arrests. The department received 7,310 complaints, compared to 7,479 in 1967, he said.

A total of 994 arrests were made, 104 of them felony, 623 misdemeanor, 92 juvenile and 162 traffic. The previous year,

police made 828 arrests, 95 of them felony, 632 misdemeanors, and 101 juveniles.

Sieber also reported 1,088 summonses were issued, 1,185 accidents were reported, 264,680 miles were rolled up on police cars. Accidents included 977 property damage, 199 personal injury and nine fatalities, he said.

Fire Chief Ken Kraiger reported 382 fires last year, 162 of them in the Benton Harbor library free.

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## WATERVLIET TWP. QUILTS SEWAGE AUTHORITY



**HOME DESTROYED:** Glenn fire chief Lou Gigue gasps air while fighting fire at Harlis Cross home on 121st avenue, 2½ miles northeast of Glenn, at noon Sunday. The fire destroyed home leaving only the shell standing. The family was able to save most of their possessions. The fire of undetermined origin was discovered by Cross and the couple's three-year-old son, Wendel. Mrs. Cross was in the kitchen coloring Easter eggs when the fire was discovered in the roof. The Glenn firemen were assisted by the Fennville fire department in fighting the blaze in the five-room frame structure insured for \$5,000. (Prosch-Jensen photo)

Vote Taken  
At Annual  
MeetingProgram 'Not  
Equitable To  
All Residents'

**WATERVLIET** — Seventy-eight residents of Watervliet township voted to withdraw the township from an authority developing a proposed \$12.9 million sewage treatment program for northern Berrien county during the annual township meeting Saturday afternoon.

The resolution to rescind action in February by the Watervliet township board to support the authority was presented by former Watervliet township supervisor Frank Runyan.

The resolution in effect rescinds all former action and prevents future action by the board unless approved by a vote of the people.

The resolution says in part: "The township board or any of its members restrain or dissent from any resolution to the Paw Paw Lake Regional Planning commission or to the City of Coloma or to the City of Watervliet or to the electors in the immediate area in or around the Paw Paw Lakes of Watervliet township pertaining to and including sewage disposal system or water supply system without first presenting any and all proposals to the eligible voters of the township for acceptance or rejection."

## NOT EQUITABLE

Supervisor Edward Carmody said the resolution will remove the township from the program. He said those present at the meeting felt the program would not benefit all township residents.

Carmody added the township in the future will work towards some type of water and sewer services that will be equitable to all residents.

The governmental units of the City of Coloma, the City of Watervliet, and Coloma and Watervliet townships had given support to the development of the authority in February. At that time Hagar township had declined from participation, leaving the four units to compose the authority.

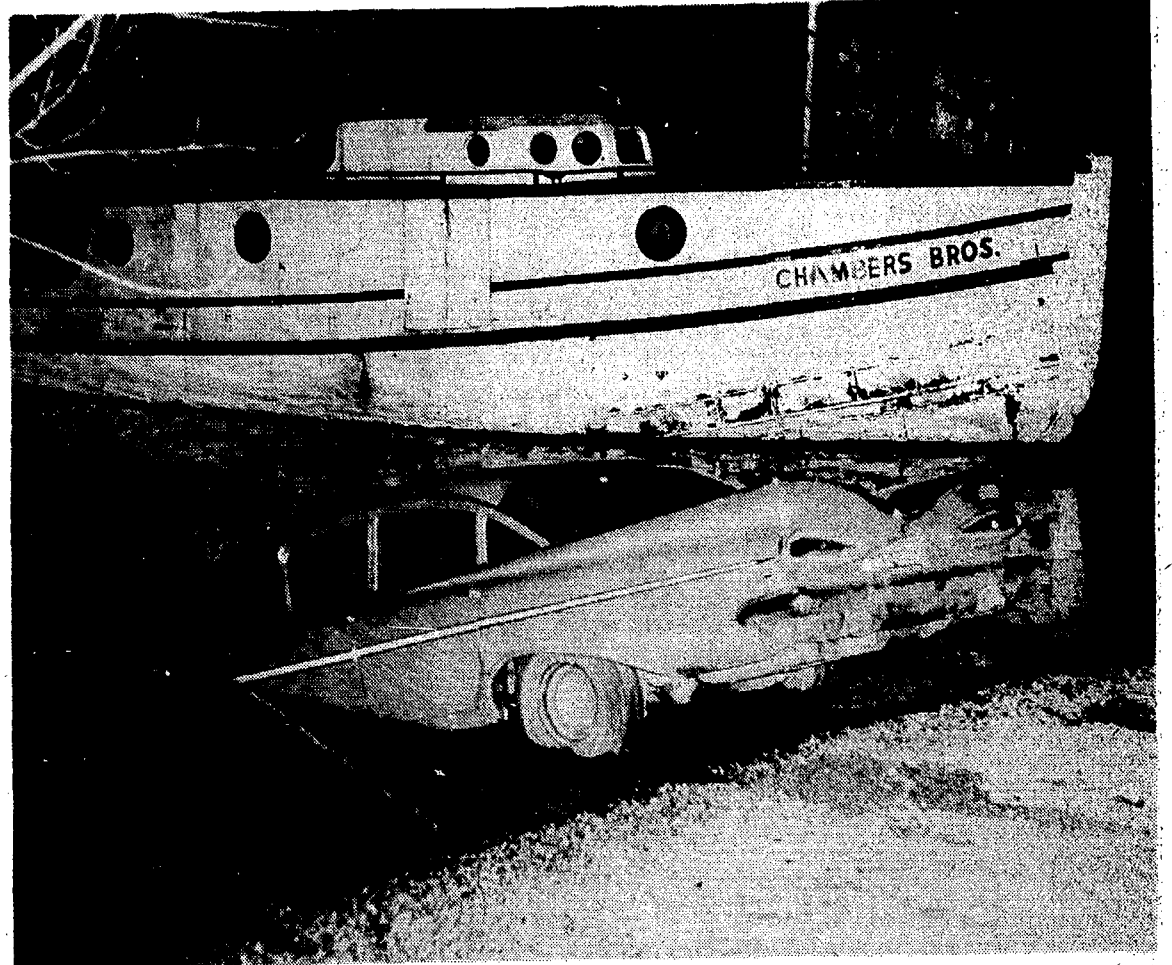
In other business, Watervliet township residents voted to continue the 1½ mill tax rate on equalized valuation to provide funds for the road program and to continue the 3/10 of a mill tax for the support of the Watervliet public library.

Residents also voted to appropriate \$300 from the contingent fund for dust control with the money to be used on a 50-50 matching basis with property owners.

The 78 residents at the meeting made up the largest attendance ever at a Watervliet township annual meeting.

## STUDENTS TOSSED OUT

**JACKSON (AP)** — Eleven students at Vandercook Lake High School were suspended Friday by Superintendent Burdette W. Andrews after they refused an order to leave a hallway and go to classes.



**THREE GOT WET:** Three Saugatuck teenagers get an unexpected dunking Saturday night when their car rolled into five feet of water in Kalamazoo lake near mouth of Kalamazoo river in the Allegan county village. Fishing tug is moored in background. James Schock, 19, and Gerald Schock, 17, and William Guilfoil, 19, told Police Chief Lyle

Jones the car stalled near the lake front. When they pushed it to start the engine, the car rolled across intersection and nosed into river off a boat ramp. Three teenagers got soaked trying to stop rolling car. It was towed back to dry land. (Prosch-Jensen photo)

Chikaming Residents  
Ask Vote On Charter

**LAKESIDE** — Chikaming township residents will vote a third time on whether to become a charter township.

The 45 citizens at the annual meeting Saturday voted to hold a special election on the charter township proposal prior to Aug. 1. Township residents voted down the charter proposal twice last year at elections in August and November.

Proponents of charter townships say the move would give the township stronger home rule, a greater voice in its own affairs and an up-to-date system of financing.

Approval of a third vote on the measure was voted after Lowell Peterson brought up the issue. Peterson said he was

speaking for the Chikaming Township Economic Study committee which is made up of citizens who act as an unofficial township planning commission. The study committee was established four years ago at the township annual meeting.

The township board will set the date for the third charter township election.

Another major development at the meeting was the approval of computerized tax bills.

About \$3,000 was allocated in the 1969 budget to hire a company to computerize tax notices. Tax notices now are calculated manually by the supervisor and treasurer.

After the first year, the cost of computerized statements is ex-

pected to be below \$1,000 per year. The township board will hire a company to computerize the notices.

The board adopted a budget totaling \$99,026 for the current fiscal year starting April 1. This is up from last year's budget of \$85,775. Biggest item in the increase is \$3,000 for the change to computerized tax notices. Other increases include the fire department and equipment and other departmental funds.

The meeting also adopted a budget of \$91,350 for the Chikaming Township Water department. This is about the same as last year. The water department receives all its funds from revenue and is not tax-supported.

Supervisor Herbert Seeder announced that the Southwest Berrien County Sanitary landfill will be opened for public use on May 1. The old Chikaming township dump will be closed then. The sanitary landfill operated by Paul Oselka is at Forrest Lawn and Basswood roads in Three Oaks township.

Chikaming township board meetings will continue to be held the first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Lakeside fire station.

Insurance Man  
Called 'All Wet'No Pension Plan Just Yet  
For Baroda Township

**BARODA**—A Baroda resident told a representative of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. that he was "all wet" during the annual Baroda township meeting Saturday.

Paul Ravitch, representative of the Grand Rapids insurance firm, was presenting a pension plan for township employees.

Leo Rennhack, a former township board member, said: "I would not be in favor of a pension plan for township employees, as they are part-time employees. The salary we pay year-for-year is a good deal. I

would be against the pension plan."

Ravitch in rebuttal said that Supervisor Orland Mead received about 45 cents an hour for his work. Rennhack then said, "Supervisor Mead receives an annual salary of \$3,000 and at the rate you say he is working, he would have to spend 6,000 hours on the supervisor's job. You're all wet."

**NO ACTION** — The board and about 25 citizens present did not act on the pension proposal.

Approved was a budget of \$55,563.91 this year, a \$19,939.62 increase from last year. Re-modeling the township hall and road work account for most of the increase, said Clerk Emil Nitz.

Also approved was an additional tax levy by the board, if needed, for the operation of the fire department and the purchase of a new fire alert system or siren. The current levy is a half-mill.

A salary increase was granted to Clerk Nitz, who will receive a \$200 hike to bring his total salary to \$2,000 a year. Regular township board meetings will be held at 8 p.m. the third Monday of each month.

Cass County Smashup  
Kills Dowagiac Man

**NILES**—A Dowagiac man died of injuries received Sunday night when the car he was driving went out of control on Pokagon highway at M-40 in Cass county and struck three trees, according to state police at the Niles post.

The victim was identified as Floyd Ray Bell, 55, of 414 Front street, Dowagiac. He died at 10:30 p.m. at Niles Pawling hospital of internal injuries, a hospital spokesman reported.

Bell was the seventh person to die so far this year in traffic accidents on Cass county roads. State police, called to the scene at 9:40 p.m., said Bell was traveling east on Pokagon highway when he lost control on a curve. Officers said Bell was alone in the auto.

The body was taken to McLaughlin funeral home in Dowagiac.

## BORN IN OHIO

Mr. Bell, an employee of the Dowagiac Milling Company, was born Aug. 25, 1913, in Brian, Ohio, the son of John and Mable Alexander Bell.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 933 of Dowagiac.

Survivors include his widow, the former Irene Webb, whom he married Sept. 26, 1959, in Niles; a daughter, Marlene Rhea, at home; seven brothers, Wayne, Lloyd and Ward of Dowagiac, Earl of Sister Lakes, Bert of Coloma and Frank of

Pokagon township; and two sisters, Mrs. Helen Hungerford of Benton Harbor and Mrs. Ira Mae Clark of St. Joseph. Three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the McLaughlin funeral home. Dr. wagiag. The Rev. John H. Ristow, pastor of the First United Methodist church, will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery, Dowagiac.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Tuesday.



**KENTUCKY BOUND:** Fennville high school students load trailer with shoes, clothing and toys for the less fortunate in the Appalachian mountains of Kentucky. Eleven students representing the student body will leave early Tuesday morning for Kentucky after making a last minute appeal for funds today. The students will spend their Easter vacation first at Lost Creek, Ky., where they will distribute clothing at a school for deprived children and where they will make needed repairs to

the building. In Krypton, Ky., they will distribute clothing and toys at an orphanage. Making the trip are students, Ken Whitney, Sue Green, Bill Dalton, Roma Lea Mellon, Ann Babbitt, Jacqueline Morthoroff, Louis VanDenBrink, Sally Stevens, Terry Higgins, Janet Wadsworth, Bill Wolters; teachers James Stevens and Miss Jane Taylor; parent, William Dalton Sr.; and Dr. R. A. Hayner of Kalamazoo, who read of the project and asked to accompany the caravan. (Prosch-Jensen photo)

McDivitt Will  
Speak At Cobo

**DETROIT (AP)** — Astronaut James A. McDivitt Jr., who was raised in Jackson and attended the University of Michigan before embarking on two space flights, will be fêted April 19 in a banquet at Detroit's Cobo Hall.

The 39-year-old Air Force colonel will be the main speaker at the banquet sponsored by the Michigan Aeronautics and Space Association and the Michigan Aircraft Pilot's Association. McDivitt will discuss his historic 10-day Apollo 9 mission and show pictures taken 150 miles from earth.

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Auto Deaths  
In Cass  
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